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The Queen opens the new Addenbrooke's hospital in 1962

Library finally opens its doors- 1964

ALDERMAN H.R. Mallett officially opened the new branch library in Barnwell Road, nine years after it was first announced.

Because of the credit squeeze, the library committee were refused permission to raise a loan in 1955.

Three years later, a library was opened in a shop where it continued until now.

The first book was issued to ten-year-old Susan Northfield of Priory School by city librarian, Eric Cave.

New hospital opened by the Queen - 1962

THE Queen arrived in Cambridge to a fanfare of trumpets and over 2,000 people stood in the biting wind to welcome her as she opened the new Addenbrooke's hospital.

With Miss M.M. Puddicombe, the hospital matron, she walked past a line of nurses to the marquee where the ceremony was held before touring various wards speaking to patients.

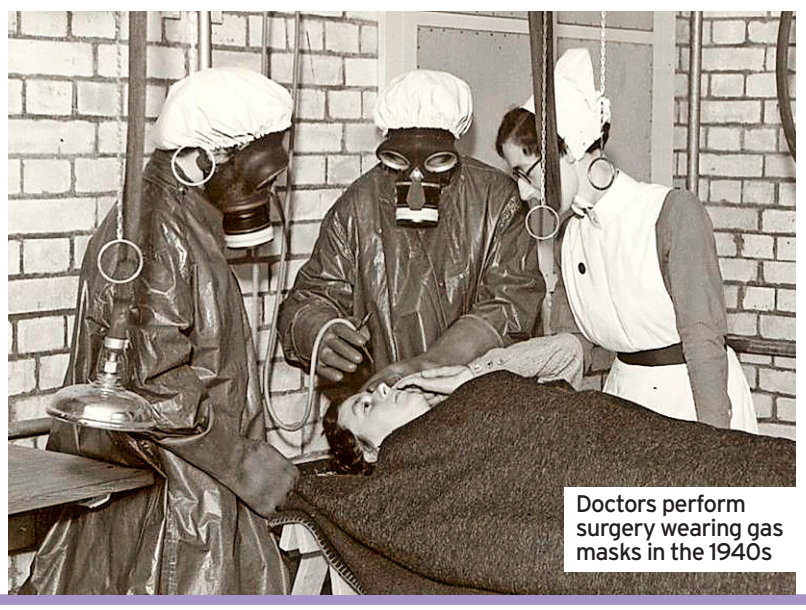
Later, the Queen visited King's College Chapel to see the newly-installed Rubens painting and toured the Papworth Village Settlement.

Air raid drills 'should be compulsory' - 1935

DR Wooster of the scientists' anti-war committee said the proposed air raid drills would be compulsory, getting civilians under war discipline and squashing anti-war activities.

It was impossible to protect the population at large against air attack: we might conceivably protect the inhabitants of Haverhill by building shelters but not the whole of London.

The government would not supply gas masks, you must buy them for yourselves; they would cost about £20 and it was obvious that poor people could not afford it, he told a meeting in the Labour Hall, Norfolk Street.



Doctors perform surgery wearing gas masks in the 1940s

Luncheon held to honour bookseller - 1930

THE bookshops of Cambridge are a special feature of the town; no visitor can possibly miss David's stall on the marketplace where the book-lover may pick up a bargain.

He came to Cambridge in 1896 and started his career at this stall; in 1906 he took a shop in St Edward's Passage, which is full of interesting old books and, though often locked, can be viewed at leisure in the window.

In such esteem is he held that a luncheon was held in the hall of Trinity College and a lithograph cartoon by Mr William Nicholson presented to him.

Memorial service for former Prime Minister - 1898

THERE was but little crush as the stream of mourners poured from all quarters of the town into Great St Mary's Church for the memorial service to Mr Gladstone.

A subdued calm seemed to fall like a veil over the centre of Cambridge as the bell tolled forth its tail of loss to the nation, and a hush, as it were, of the chamber of death seemed even to spread itself over the busy market place.

Quietly, the people filed into the church and stepped into the first empty pew; none stopping to haggle for a seat.

Even as the doors were being closed, as the last bars of the echoing National Anthem waned to silence, latecomers yet found room in one or other of the galleries, and no one was turned from the church.

Labourers fined for 'tin kettling' 1898

SEVEN labourers were summoned for "tin kettling in Great Shelford".

PC Chater said they were banging tins and trays, and such things, as well as shouting and yelling at a lady.

Two of them had pails half full of tar which they used for burning the woman in effigy. This entertainment continued for about two hours.

The woman said: "My husband won't part with his money, and that's why I left him."

The magistrate: "What is your husband's name?" - "I don't know what his name is. I never took the trouble to remember his nasty name".

Defendants were fined 2s.6d each.

Milton Road in the 1920s

A waste of time and money - 1924

SIR, it is only quite recently some considerable amount of public money was spent for labour and material on Milton Road, Cambridge, and today the passage of a traction engine or heavy vehicle of some kind has simply torn the road up, and the expenditure is, to all intents and purposes, rendered useless.

Surely the authorities, whose duty it is to control the highways, should take some drastic steps to stop this sort of thing happening.

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